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SUBJ: NOMINATION GOUV FOREIGN MINISTER ALFRED

KABORE FOR IV PARTIAL GRANT

1. POST REQUESTS PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR GOUV FOREIGN MINISTER ALFRED KABORE FOLLOWING MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AS CHIEF OF UV DELEGATION AT UPCOMING UNGA SESSION NEW YORK.

2. MINISTER KABORE TOOK OVER FOREIGN MINISTRY IN JANUARY GOUV CABINET RESHUFFLE. HAS PROVED MORE OPEN TO U.S. POSITION KEY UN ISSUES WHERE U.S. HAS INTEREST (E.G. KOREA, PUERTO RICO) THAN PREDECESSOR. EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES IV PARTIAL GRANT TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE THIS RECEPTIVITY.

3. MINISTER KABORE INDICATES HE AVAILABLE FOR APPROX TEN DAYS FOLLOWING DEPARTURE UNGA SESSION. WILL DEPART DELEGATION BEFORE SESSION FINISHED, LIKELY WEEKEND OCT. 12-13. ON DEPARTING NEW YORK, WISHES BRIEF VISITS PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON TO VIEW BICENTENNIAL EVENTS/EXHIBITIONS AND VISIT RELATIVES IN PHILADELPHIA FORMER OUAGA DCM ROBURT DUMAS WHOM HE MET IN OUAGA LAST YEAR AND WITH WHOME HE CLOSE FRIEND. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AND MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISIT TO PUERTO RICO VIEW FIRST HAND COMMONWEALTH'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND DISCUSS WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LEADERS THERE REASONS

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FOR CONTINUED PUERTO RICAN PREFERENCE FOR U.S.

COMMONWEALTH STATUS. LATTER VISIT WILL SHORE UP DEMARCHES
MADE BY AMBASSADOR TO DATE RE GOUV POSITION PUERTO RICO
QUESTION AT UNGA.

4. INTERPRETER GUIDE NEEDED DUE BOTH VIP STATUS AND NOMINEE'S
LIMITED ENGLISH. RECOMMEND RECENTLY DEPARTED DCM ROBURT
DUMAS WHO HAD EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH KABORE AND WILL FINISH
CURRENT HOME LEAVE OCT. 12 PRIOR ASSUMING NEW ASSIGNMENT
HEAD OF AF/P.

5. GRANT TERMS: PARTIAL IV, TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC TRANSPORT-
ATION AND PER DIEM AT DOLS 55 PER DAY AS PER REVISED SCHEDULE
IN STATE A-4166.

6. REQUEST CU APPROVAL GRANT SOONEST. BIO DATA, MORE DETAILED
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, AND PRECISE DATES FOR BEGINNING AND END
OF GRANT PERIOD TO FOLLOW AFTER MEETING SCHEDULED WITH KABORE
EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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